



WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Field Operation Rule Interpretation

Question: Can a CRE that supervises poker only in a house banked card room accept tips? Yes

CITE: WAC 230-40-855 Acceptance of tips from patrons for house banked

SUMMARY

Issue:

Many card rooms with a house banked card game license also operate non-house banked games such as poker. Can the card room employees that supervise poker games share in the tips players give? Supervisors of house banked games are not permitted to share in tips.

Reasoning:

WAC 230-40-855 only applies to house banked activities. Even though poker is operated at a card room licensed for house banked games, the game itself is not house banked therefore this rule does not apply.

Decision:

Supervisors of poker games may share in tips from poker games but not from any house banked games. Procedures for sharing and accounting for tip money must be included in the licensee's internal controls.

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